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D2008-141

Date of this notice: August 19, 2008

Enclosed is a copy of the Board's decision and order in the above-referenced case.

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Panel Members:

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In re: TRICIA-ANN ABIGAIL BLAIR, ATTORNEY

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IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE (AMENDED)¹

ON BEHALF OF GENERAL COUNSEL: Scott Anderson, Deputy Bar Counsel

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Eileen M. Connolly, Appellate Counsel

ORDER:

PER CURIAM. The respondent will be expelled from practice before the Board, Immigration Courts, and Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS")

On April 10, 2008, the respondent was disbarred by the Supreme Court of Florida. Consequently, on June 11, 2008, the Office of General Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Immigration Courts. On June 18, 2008, the DHS asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency. Therefore, on June 24, 2008, the Board suspended the respondent from practicing before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS pending final disposition of this proceeding.

The respondent was required to file a timely answer to the allegations contained in the Notice of Intent to Discipline but has failed to do so. See 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(c)(1). The respondent's failure to file a response within the time period prescribed in the Notice constitutes an admission of the allegations therein, and the respondent is now precluded from requesting a hearing on the matter. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(d)(1), (2).

The Office of General Counsel recommends that the respondent be expelled from practicing before the Board and the Immigration Courts. The DHS asks that the Board extend that discipline to practice before it as well. Because the respondent has failed to file an answer, the regulations direct the Board to adopt the recommendation contained in the Notice, unless there are considerations that compel us to digress from that recommendation. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(d)(2).

¹The Board issued an order on August 1, 2008, based on the Notice of Intent to Discipline, in which it stated that the respondent was "disbarred" from practice. On August 4, 2008, the Office of General Counsel requested that the Board issue a new order that "expels", rather than "disbars" the respondent. The Board's final order is hereby so amended.

Since the recommendation is appropriate, given the respondent's disbarment in Florida, the Board will honor that recommendation. Accordingly, the Board hereby expels the respondent from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS.

As the respondent is currently under the Board's June 24, 2008, order of suspension, the respondent's expulsion will be deemed to have commenced on that date. The respondent is instructed to maintain compliance with the directives set forth in our prior order. The respondent is also instructed to notify the Board of any further disciplinary action against her. The respondent may seek reinstatement under appropriate circumstances. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107(b).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. R. Allen', is written above a horizontal line.

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